

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

PETER PINKERTON, M.A.,

CANDIDATE FOR

*THE EXAMINERSHIP OF PHYSICS
IN MEDICINE AND SCIENCE IN
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.*

27 CAIRD DRIVE,
GLASGOW, 26th May, 1898.

TO THE COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the position of Examiner of Physics in Medicine and Science in the Glasgow University, and to submit the following account of my professional career.

Entering Glasgow University in 1886 as a Clark Bursar, I proceeded to the degree of M.A. I was a first prizeman in Mathematics and in Natural Philosophy, and in 1890 took my degree with Highest Honours in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

As Breadalbane Scholar in the University, I made a special study of Physics. For two years I was a student of the classes in Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry in the Royal College of Science, Dublin, and was first prizeman in all those classes. During that time I read privately with the Professor of Applied Mathematics considerable portions of Advanced Physics.

In 1893 I joined the staff of the Mathematical and Science Department of Allan Glen's School, Glasgow, and am at present Head Master in that Department.

Up till the present I have continued my studies of Physics and allied subjects, particularly with Professor Gibson of the Technical College.

I beg to ask your attention to the accompanying Testimonials as evidence, additional to my career in the University, in favour of my candidature.

I am, GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

PETER PINKERTON.



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From JOHN G. KERR, ESQ., M.A., *Head Master of Allan Glen's School, Glasgow.*

ALLAN GLEN'S SCHOOL,
GLASGOW, 30th May, 1898.

I BEG to offer to the University Court some evidence in support of Mr. PINKERTON'S candidature for the Examinership in Physics.

It was our good fortune five years ago to secure Mr. Pinkerton's services in connection with the advanced classes in Mathematics and Physical Science in Allan Glen's School. His career as a student in the University of Glasgow had been most distinguished, and he had graduated with first-class honours in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. He had also extended his experience in scientific work by a special course of study and research at the Royal College of Science, Dublin. With his high attainments in science were associated exceptional teaching qualifications, and as a consequence the record of Mr. Pinkerton's teaching here has been from the first of altogether uncommon excellence.

Not only have Mr. Pinkerton's classes in Physics (Theoretical and Practical) been phenomenally successful in the examinations of the Science and Art Department, but his pupils have received from him an inspiration which has carried them to the front places in the University. As head of the school, I have special pleasure in pointing to the achievements by Allan Glen boys in the department of Pure and Applied Science, and particularly of Medicine, in my Alma Mater, and I attribute these successes in great measure to the enthusiasm and ability of Mr. Pinkerton. In my opinion his experience, ability, insight, and cast of mind fit him for discharging with eminent satisfaction to the Court and the candidates the duty of examining for degrees in the subject of Physics.

JOHN G. KERR.

*From WM. ROBERTSON COPLAND, ESQ., Chairman of the
Governors of the Glasgow and West of Scotland
Technical College.*

GLASGOW, 30th May, 1898.

I CONCUR in the foregoing Certificate in favour of Mr.
PINKERTON by Mr. Kerr, Head Master of Allan Glen's
School.

WM. ROBERTSON COPLAND.

From GEORGE A. GIBSON, ESQ., M.A., *Professor of*
Mathematics in the Technical College.

ANDERSONIAN BUILDINGS, 204 GEORGE ST.,
GLASGOW, 26th May, 1898.

I BELIEVE Mr. PETER PINKERTON, M.A., is thoroughly qualified to act as Examiner in Physics for Medical Degrees. I have known Mr. Pinkerton intimately for some years; I have constantly discussed with him all sorts of questions in Mathematics, Dynamics and Physics; and I am confident that very few men of his academic standing have such a thorough grasp of the whole range of subjects included in the department of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

Mr. Pinkerton has now gained considerable experience as a teacher in a school that is second to none in Scotland for the excellence of the training it gives its pupils in Mathematics and Physics, and the testimony to Mr. Pinkerton's merits as a teacher is both cordial and unanimous.

On the grounds of his scholarship and of his practical acquaintance with the work of a teacher and with the difficulties of a pupil, Mr. Pinkerton seems to me admirably qualified for the position of Examiner which he now seeks.

GEORGE A. GIBSON.

From W. M'F. ORR, ESQ., M.A. (Cantab.), Senior Wrangler, Cambridge; formerly Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and Professor of Applied Mathematics in the Royal College of Science, Dublin.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,
DUBLIN, 25th May, 1898.

IT affords me great pleasure to bear testimony to the high mathematical abilities and knowledge of Mr. PINKERTON, who was for two years a student of this College.

During the time I have been connected with the College I have had to do with students of nine different years, and of these he is undoubtedly by far the best mathematician. The ordinary classes in Mathematics here were of scarcely any service to him, as when he entered the College he had already read not only the usual subjects taught here, but many others of a more advanced character. Indeed, I occasionally found my own knowledge of some subjects not sufficiently good to enable me to give him as much assistance as I would have liked.

He read privately, during two sessions under my supervision, portions of advanced work in Mathematics and Mechanics. His studies were pursued with enthusiasm, and from a love of knowledge, not merely with a view to examination successes, although they always resulted in his obtaining high distinctions. I believe that he still is and will remain an earnest student as far as his other duties permit.

W. M'F. ORR.

From W. F. BARRETT, ESQ., F.R.S.E., M.I.E.E., etc.,
*Professor of Experimental Physics in the Royal College
of Science, Dublin.*

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,
DUBLIN, 26th May, 1898.

MY friend, Mr. PINKERTON, informs me he is a candidate for the position of Examiner of Physics in Medicine and Science in Glasgow University. It is both a pleasure and a privilege to bear testimony to the singularly high qualifications which, in my opinion, Mr. Pinkerton possesses for this responsible position.

After a brilliant career in Glasgow University, Mr. Pinkerton came to this College in 1891, and passed with great distinction through the various branches of scientific work, both theoretical and practical.

As Dean of the College at the time, I much regretted that, owing to Mr. Pinkerton having to take up teaching work in Scotland, he was prevented from completing the third year of our curriculum and thus obtaining the diploma of this College, which there is little doubt he would have won with honours.

In my own course of Physics Mr. Pinkerton took the first prize in the lecture work of 1891, and also won the first prize in the practical work of 1892. In addition to the ordinary course of study in Experimental Physics Mr. Pinkerton obtained special permission to devote every afternoon of the entire session of 1891-92 to practical work in the Physical Laboratory, and in the following session went through a course of advanced work in the same subject under my direction, which included optical, electrical, and magnetic measurements, dynamo and cable testing, etc.

In all his work Mr. Pinkerton showed thoroughness and ability; he was, in fact, one of the most gifted and enthusiastic students I have ever had, and, at the same time, one of the most modest and charming of men.

W. F. BARRETT.

